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## **Registered Sex Offender Sentenced to 17 Years in Prison**

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Nov. 21, 2005) Anthony Leon Hebert, 42, of Anthem, was sentenced Monday to 17 years in prison and lifetime probation after pleading guilty to one count of sexual exploitation of a minor and one count of attempted sexual exploitation of a minor.

Hebert was convicted in 2002 in Washington State on three counts of child molestation and moved to Arizona for employment reasons. He was still on probation when he went on the Internet and began chatting with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old boy (but was actually a police officer). He sent several obscene pictures, including child pornography images. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant, and computer forensics experts located a number of child pornography images on his home computer hard drive.

Maricopa County Judge Brian Hauser sentenced Hebert. Assistant Attorney General Gail Thackeray prosecuted the case.

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